

Hon. Wm A. Pledger.

The above is a fair portrait of the best known Georgian of color. For about a score of years Mr. Pledger has had a national reputation as the republican leader of the state. He has held numerous political positions, both appointive and elective, and is a man of means. Col. Pledger is popular wherever he is known and highly respected because of his bravery, signal ability and wide experience. During the campaign just closed he rendered the republican party valuable service in Illinois and the northwest. He is an able speaker and a thorough race man. Off



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and on for years Mr. Pledger has been greatly interested in journalism, and at present is editor and proprietor of the Atlanta Age, one of our strongest Southern publications. The col. has been either a delegate at large or delegate to every national republican convention held in the last score and a half of years, and has officiated in the various offices of his state republican central and executive committees. Indeed, there is hardly a position in the party from a ward organization to the national republican committee that he has not held, and with credit to the race and himself. The few of these pioneer Afro-American republicans who still remain are known as the "Old Guard." The most conspicuous are ex-Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback, now of Washington, D. C., and the subject of this sketch. Both are gentlemen of distinguished appearance and popular among the race workers, to an extraordinary degree.—The Cleveland Gazette.

Town Topics.

How did you like The Colored American's Paris Exposition number?

Handicrafts for our boys and girls, are growing in favor as the days go by.

Mr. R. W. Thompson, who went home to vote, has returned from Indiana.

The Florida Sentinel came to us this week, but we found no editorials from the pen of the irrepressible Matthew M. Lewey.

Mr and Mrs. Albert Huff, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., are now permanently located at 116 eleventh street, Birmingham, Ala.

Hon. I. T. Montgomery, Mayor of Mound Bayou, Miss., has so far escaped the "count out" of the Southern white man.

That Negro bank in Birmingham, Ala., has proved a great help to the inability of that state to even draft a constitutional amendment.



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Mr. O. H. Hemans of 1424 Pierce Place, wishes it distinctly understood that he is not married, the statement of several of his girl friends(?) to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mrs. Maud Smith, one of our most efficient teachers, who has been suffering from an attack of nervous prostration, left this week to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Cora Shepherd in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jackson, of 22d street n. w., have just returned from a pleasant trip to Indiana. They visited Peru, Ind., Mr. Jackson's old home, and spent the last week of the campaign in Indianapolis, the guests of friends.

Mr. Alexander Freeman, of 1129 8d street, n. w., spent a few days in Indiana to cast his vote for McKinley and Roosevelt and to shake hands with his many friends. Mrs. Freeman accompanied him and says the trip was a pleasant one.

The work of canvassing the city for the names of colored persons in business has been going steadily on, notwithstanding we have just gone through an exciting political campaign and election. We are informed that the canvass is now nearly completed and that totals will be given out in a few days. The names will appear in the Union League Directory before the close of the year.

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